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Speaker

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**Proceedings
of the
Honourable House of Assembly
Session of 2013-2014**

No. 20

Friday, May 16th, 2014

Members Present: His Honour the Speaker, Jeanne J. Atherden, Kenneth L. Bascome, Marc A. R. Bean, Glenn A. Blakeney, Walton D. Brown, Derrick V. Burgess, David G. Burt, L. Craig Cannonier, Rolfe P. Commissiong, Shawn G. Crockwell, Zane J. S. DeSilva, Michael H. Dunkley, Lovitta F. Foggo, Wayne L. Furbert, Dr. Edmund G. Gibbons, Patricia J. Gordon-Pamplin, Susan E. Jackson, Dennis P. Lister, Terry E. Lister, Trevor G. Moniz, Nandi S. Outerbridge, Mark J. Pettingill. Everard T. Richards, Sylvan D. Richards, Walter H. Roban, Suzann Roberts-Holshouser, Michael J. Scott, R. Wayne E. Scott, W. Lawrence Scott, N. H. Cole Simons, Glenn C. Smith, Jefferson C. Sousa, Michael A. Weeks, Kim N. Wilson.

10:03 a.m. Prayer

His Honour the Speaker asked Members to observe a moment of silence for former Speaker of the House the late Hon. F. John Barritt, CBE, JP.

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY
Minister of National Security

Confirmation of Minutes:

Minutes to the Meeting of May 9th, 2014, were confirmed.

Sessions House,
16th May, 2014.

10:15 a.m.

Announcements by the Speaker:

His Honour the Speaker announced the absence of Ms. L. K. Scott.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence of Members of the Washington Leadership Group. His Honour the Speaker also acknowledged former M.P. and Minister Mr. Arthur Hodgson in the Public Gallery.

10:10 a.m.

Papers and other Communications to the House:

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY read the following communication to His Honour the SPEAKER.

TO HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER:

I have the honour to attach and submit for the information of the Honourable House of Assembly the National Drug Control – Master Plan and Action Plan 2013-2017.

Statements by Ministers and Junior Ministers:

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "National Drug Control Master Plan and Action Plan 2013-2017".

MR. S. G. CROCKWELL made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "Opening of Bermuda Registry of Shipping London Office".

MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "The Grand Atlantic Project: Update".

DR. E. G. GIBBONS made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "Launch of the African Risk Capacity Insurance Company".

MR. T. G. MONIZ made a Ministerial Statement regarding the "Completion of the Lionfish Control Plan".

10:40 a.m.

Question Period:

MR. C. W. D. BROWN asked Mr. M. H. Dunkley a question regarding his Ministerial Statement on the "National Drug Control Master Plan and Action Plan 2013-2017".

MR. W. H. ROBAN asked Mr. M. H. Dunkley a question.

MR. W. H. ROBAN asked Mr. M. H. Dunkley a second question.

MR. T. E. LISTER asked MR. S. G. CROCKWELL a question on his Ministerial Statement regarding the "Opening of Bermuda Registry of Shipping London Office".

MR. T. E. LISTER asked MR. S. G. CROCKWELL a supplementary question.

MR. T. E. LISTER asked MR. S. G. CROCKWELL a second supplementary question.

MR. T. E. LISTER asked MR. S. G. CROCKWELL a second question.

MR. T. E. LISTER asked MR. S. G. CROCKWELL a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked MR. S. G. CROCKWELL a question.

MR. W. H. ROBAN asked MR. S. G. CROCKWELL a question.

MR. W. H. ROBAN asked MR. S. G. CROCKWELL second a question.

MR. M. A. WEEKS asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a question on her Ministerial Statement regarding the "Grand Atlantic Project: Update".

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

MS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. WEEKS asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second question.

MR. W. L. FURBERT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. W. L. FURBERT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

11:05 a.m.

MR. W. H. ROBAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. W. H. ROBAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

MR. G. A. BLAKENEY asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. G. A. BLAKENEY asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

MS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a question.

MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a question.

MR. M. A. WEEKS asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a third question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. W. L. FURBERT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. G. A. BLAKENEY asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a question.

11:16 a.m.

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a question.

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary to his own question.

MR. W. H. ROBAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a supplementary question.

MR. W. H. ROBAN asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a second supplementary question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked His Honour the Speaker a question.

MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA asked MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN a question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked DR. E. G. GIBBONS a question on his Ministerial Statement in the "Launch of the African Risk Capacity Insurance Company".

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked DR. E. G. GIBBONS a supplementary question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked DR. E. G. GIBBONS a second question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked DR. E. G. GIBBONS a supplementary question.

MR. E. D. G. BURT asked DR. E. G. GIBBONS a third question.

MR. N. H. C. SIMONS asked DR. E. G. GIBBONS a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked DR. E. G. GIBBONS a second supplementary question.

MR. N. H. C. SIMONS asked DR. E. G. GIBBONS a second supplementary question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked Mr. T. G. Moniz a question on his Ministerial Statement on the Completion of the Lionfish Control Plan.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked Mr. T. G. Moniz a supplementary question.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN asked Mr. T. G. Moniz a second supplementary question.

11:42 a.m.

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged former Senator Rev. Dr. Leonard Santucci in the Public Gallery.

11:43 p.m.

Congratulatory and Obituary Speeches:

His Honour the Speaker also announced the expressed condolences to the family of Mr. F. John Barritt former Speaker of the House, described him as fair, kind, thoughtful and an even tempered man.

MR. L. C. CANNONIER associated himself with tributes to the family of the late Mr. F. John Barritt; he expressed sadness for the family of Mr. William Grange who has been missing now for several days; congratulations to Sergeant Mark Clark who lead the search for this investigation; congratulations to Bermuda College on their recent Commencement Ceremony held yesterday.

MR. M. A. R. BEAN sent condolences to the family of the late Speaker of the House, Mr. F. John Barritt.

MR. M. H. DUNKLEY associated himself with condolences to the family of Mr. F. John Barritt whom he described as a man of great faith and tremendous family values.

MR. D. V. BURGESS associated himself with remarks for Mr. F. John Barritt; condolences to the family of the late Ms. Brennell Henry; one of the earlier founders of the PLP; congratulations to Ms. Gloria Burgess who was Awarded Nurse of the Year;

congratulations to the principal of Francis Patton Primary School on their "Leadership Day".

MR. S. G. CROCKWELL associated himself with remarks for the late Mr. F. John Barritt.

MR. T. E. LISTER joined in the condolences for the Barritt family; congratulations to his step daughter Ms. Carla Zuill for her show "Straight Talk" on channel 82; sent condolences to the family of Ms. Helen Dowling, and the late Ms. Ruth Smith.

MR. E. T. RICHARDS associated himself with condolences to the family of the late Mr. F. John Barritt.

MR. C. W. D. BROWN associated himself with remarks for Bermuda College students; congratulations to organizers of a recent Prayer Vigil held at the Evening Light Temple Church.

MR. W. L. A. SCOTT sent congratulations to Para Olympian Ms. Jessica Lewis on her success.

MR. W. H. ROBAN associated himself with Mr. F. John Barritt; associated himself with condolences to the Dowling family and to Ms. Brennell Henry one of the originals of the PLP; congratulations to Grace Methodist Church on their recent 114th anniversary concert; associated himself with congratulating Bermuda College graduates.

DR. E. G. GIBBONS associated himself with condolences to the family of Mr. F. John Barritt; associated himself with congratulating Bermuda College graduates.

MS. K. N. WILSON associated herself with condolences to the Barritt family; sent condolences to the Henry family; associated herself with congratulating the Bermuda College on their recent graduation ceremony;

MS. S. ROBERTS-HOLSHOUSER associated herself with condolences to the Barritt family.

MS. L. F. FOGGO associated herself with remarks for Ms. Gloria Burgess; associated herself with remarks for the principal of Francis Patton School; associated herself with condolences to the Barritt family; sent congratulations to CedarBridge Academy on their recent public speaking competition.

MR. W. L. FURBERT associated himself with tributes to Mr. F. John Barritt.

MR. N. H. C. SIMONS associated himself with condolences for the late Mr. F. John Barritt whom he described as a man with a social conscience; associated himself with comments for Ms. Brennell Henry; associated himself with congratulating Bermuda College Graduates.

12:30 p.m.

MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved that the House do now recess for lunch, which was agreed to.

The SPEAKER ordered that the House resume for business at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

The House resumed.

MR. M. A. WEEKS associated himself with condolences to the Barritt family; associated himself with comments for the late Ms. Brennelle Henry; sent congratulations to young Bermudian entrepreneur and BermyBids founder Mr. Dominique Nanette on the official commercial website of Bermuda's top football player Nahki Wells'. His new club Huddersfield Town has announced its first licensing agreement with an overseas company; associated himself with congratulating organizers of a recent Prayer Vigil held at the Evening Light Temple Church for the young girls kidnapped in Nigeria.

MR. D. P. LISTER associated himself with condolences to the Barritt family; associated himself with comments for the late Ms. Brennell Henry; associated himself with condolences to the late Ms. Ruth Smith.

MS. P. J. GORDON-PAMPLIN associated himself with tributes to Mr. F. John Barritt; associated herself with comments for the late Ms. Brennell Henry; associated herself with congratulating Bermuda College Graduates and the 20 Bermudian graduates from the New England Institute of Technology.

MR. T. G. MONIZ associated himself with tributes to Mr. F. John Barritt; associated himself with comments for the late Ms. Brennell Henry;

MR. M. J. SCOTT associated himself with tributes to Mr. F. John Barritt; associated himself with comments for Ms. Brennell Henry; associated himself with congratulating Dr. Kim Dismount Robinson and Ms. Rachel Manly on their recent Book.

MR. J. C. SOUSA associated himself with tributes to Mr. F. John Barritt; associated himself with congratulating organizers of a recent Prayer Vigil held at the Evening Light Temple Church; associated himself with congratulating Bermuda College Graduates.

MR. E. D. G. BURT associated himself with congratulating Bermuda College Graduates; sent congratulations to Ms. Allison Russell on earning her Bachelors degree in Business Administration and on being named "Most Outstanding Business Student".

His Honour acknowledged the presence in the Public Gallery of Mr. Clive Hallett, a former class mate from college.

2:19 p.m.

Introduction of Bills:

MR. C. W. D. BROWN moved for leave to introduce and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Bermuda Immigration and Protection Amendment Act 2014", which was agreed to.

MR. C. W. D. BROWN introduced and read for the first time by its title a Bill entitled the "Bermuda Immigration and Protection Amendment Act 2014".

2:22 p.m.

Notices of Motions:

MR. C. W. D. BROWN gave notice that at the next day of meeting he proposed to move the following motion:

“That this Honourable House take note of the historic losses in Bermuda of citizens’ property through theft of property, dispossession of property and adverse possession claims; and be it resolved that this Honourable House calls on His Excellency the Governor to establish a Commission of Inquiry into all such known claims and to determine, where possible, the viability of any such claims and make recommendations for any victims of wrongful action to receive compensation and justice.”

Orders of the Day:

Order numbers 1-4 were carried over to the next day of meeting.

2:24 p.m.

MR. N. H. C. SIMONS moved the following motion, notice of which was given on 5th March, 2014:-

“That this Honourable House approves the Report of the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Governance and Reform together with the appendices.”

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence in the Public Gallery of former Senator Mr. Neville Tyrrell.

3:11p.m. - MS. L. F. FOGGO

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence in the Public Gallery of Senator Diallo Rabain.

3:51p.m. - MR. T. G. MONIZ

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence in the Public Gallery of Dame Jennifer Smith, former Premier and former Deputy Speaker.

4:08p.m. - MR. C. W. D. BROWN

4:17p.m. - MS. J. J. ATHERDEN

4:43p.m. - MR. T. E. LISTER

The Motion of Mr. N. H. C. SIMONS was agreed to.

Order numbers 6-11 were carried over to the next day of business.

4:50 p.m.

MR. L. C. CANNONIER moved that the House do now adjourn to Friday May 23rd 2014, which was agreed to.

4:51p.m. - MR. D. P. LISTER

5:12p.m. - MR. W. L. FURBERT

5:31p.m. - MR. W. H. ROBAN

5:50p.m. - DR. E. G. GIBBONS

6:02p.m. - MR. W. L. A. SCOTT

6:21p.m. - MS. J. J. ATHERDEN

6:32p.m. - MR. G. A. BLAKENEY

6:55p.m. - MR. S. D. RICHARDS

7:00p.m. - MR. Z. J. S. DESILVA

7:20p.m. - MR. E. T. RICHARDS

His Honour the Speaker acknowledged the presence in the Public Gallery of Senator Marc Daniels.

7:41p.m. - MR. M. A. R. BEAN

7:57p.m. - MR. R. P. COMMISSIONG

8:07p.m. - MR. M. J. SCOTT

8:19p.m. - MR. E. D. G. BURT

8:39p.m. - MR. M. A. R. BEAN

8:50p.m. - MR. L. C. CANNONIER

9:05 p.m.

The House adjourned to May 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.